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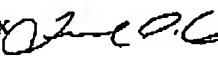
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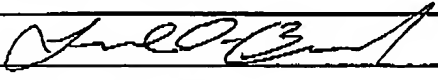
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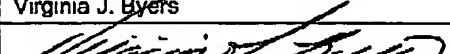
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Sir:

This reply is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed December 18, 2006, and includes a corrected amendment and reply. Entry of the corrected amendment and reply is respectfully requested in view of the amendments below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. The listing reflects the present status of claims assuming all the amendments submitted in the non-compliant Amendment of February 9, 2006, are disregarded.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.